

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) A computer system, said computer system comprising:  
  
a bus;  
  
a central processing unit;  
  
memory, said memory being connected to said central processing unit via said bus; and a password validation mechanism, said password validation mechanism providing simultaneous feedback to a user regarding validity of a password string for more than one resource.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)

9. (Amended) A program product, said program product comprising:

~~signal bearing media~~ a memory;

a program product disposed on said memory ~~signal bearing media~~, said program product being a password validation mechanism, said password validation mechanism providing simultaneous feedback to a user regarding validity of a password string for more than one resource.

10. (Original) The program product of claim 9 wherein said password validation mechanism simultaneously provides feedback for each of said more than one resource.

11. (Original) The program product of claim 9 wherein said password validation mechanism simultaneously provides feedback for each resource using more than one visual cue.

12. (Original) The program product of claim 11 wherein said more than one visual cue is selected from the group consisting of icon presentation, message presentation, and character highlighting.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) A method for providing feedback to a user, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a password string from said user;

checking whether said password string conforms with certain requirements for more than one password-protected resource; and

presenting said user with feedback regarding said certain requirements for each of said more than one resource.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said presenting step involves simultaneously providing feedback for each of said more than one resource.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said presenting step involves simultaneously providing feedback for each resource using more than one visual cue.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein said more than one visual cue is selected from the group consisting of icon presentation, message presentation, and character highlighting.